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Decision on Thursday

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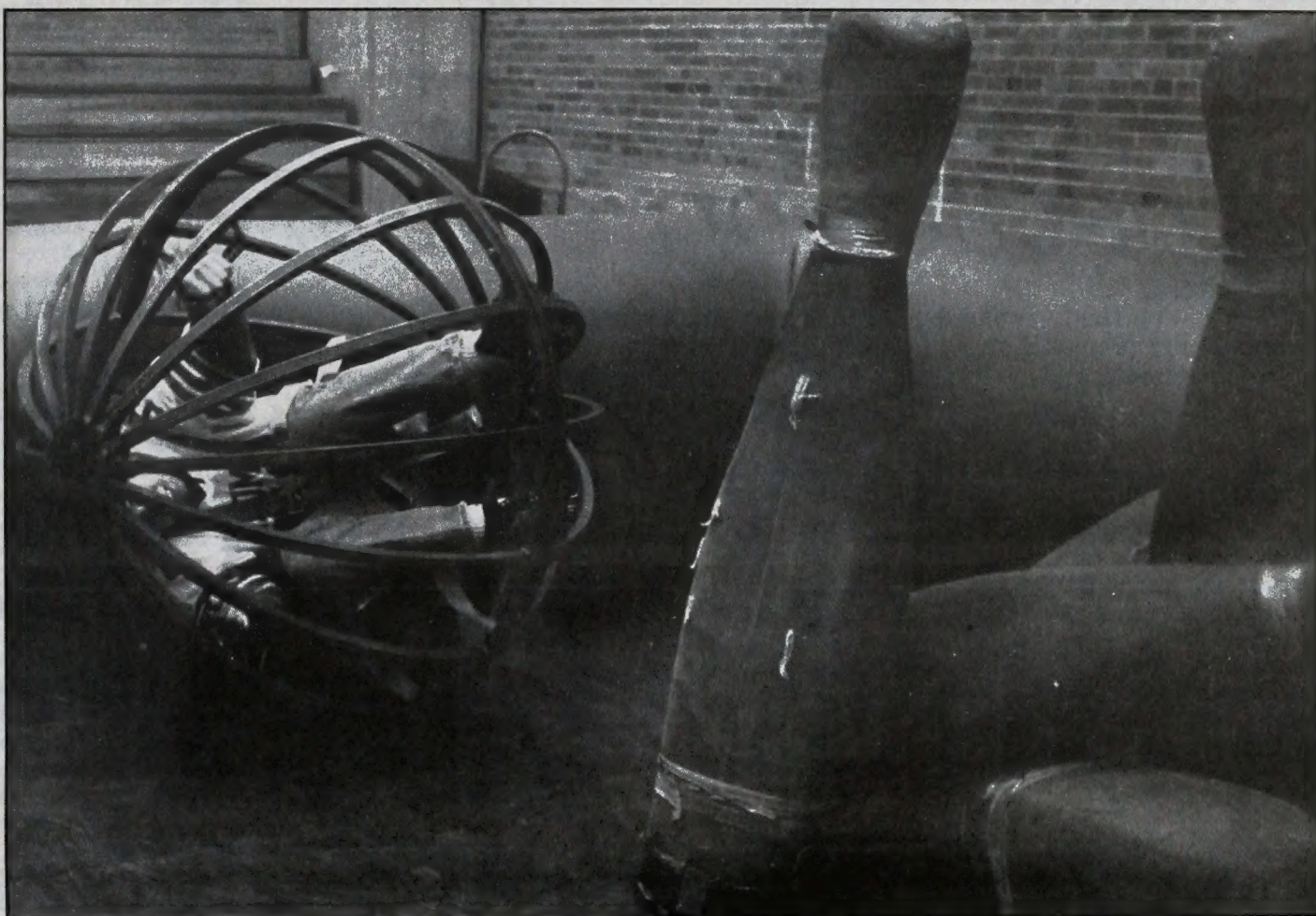
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This is what might be termed really getting into bowling. HHSS student Jamie Doan finds himself locked inside the ball as it rolls toward the giant pins. The opportunity to become one with the sport was part of the Spirit Week activities at the high school, which also included Sumo wrestling. The week was capped off with an all night dance-a-thon to raise money for the new performing arts centre.

Minden Wild Water Preserve included in Toronto Olympic bid

Minden is back in the Olympic spot light. The Minden Wild Water Preserve is part of the Toronto bid for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.

According to a press release from the Toronto Olympic Bid Corporation, the Minden site would be used for the whitewater canoeing competition if Toronto were chosen as the host city.

Angela Trunfio, a spokesperson for the Toronto 2008 Committee, said that, following the near unanimous endorsement of Toronto City Council last week, the next step in selecting Toronto as the host site is coming up in April. "The Toronto committee will be taking its proposal to the Canadian Olympic Association (COA) in April seeking its approval. That decision is expected April 17," Trunfio said. Once approved by the COA, the Toronto bid will be reviewed by the International Olympic Association. A decision from the IOC is not expected until the fall of 2001, when the

committee meets in Moscow.

There are no other Canadian cities bidding for the 2008 Summer Olympics, although three have indicated their interest in the 2010 winter games. They are Quebec City, Calgary and Vancouver.

According to the committee, the Toronto bid has a number of things going for it, including timing. Trunfio pointed out that other cities which have indicated an interest in the 2008 Olympics include Buenos Aires, Istanbul and Osaka. However, with the Olympic Games already scheduled for Sydney in 2000 and Athens in 2004, a North American bid will likely be seen in a more favourable light. As well, the US Olympic Committee has indicated it is not interested in hosting the games in 2008.

The Wild Water Preserve was part of an earlier bid by Toronto for the 2000 games. The Minden site has been included again this time because of the challenging course which includes grade three and four rapids, the guaranteed, consistent waterflow and its

proximity to Toronto. The fact the site has hosted several world championships is an indication that the organizational skills are available to ensure a successful Olympic competition.

This current bid builds on the groundwork that was laid for that unsuccessful attempt. It includes some of the ideas incorporated in the 2000 bid and such facilities as the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, the National Trade Centre, the Air Canada Centre and SkyDome. Other facilities which would have to be built would include an Olympic Stadium, an Aquatic Centre, a Velodrome and a Beach Volleyball facility. In addition, an Olympic Village and Media Village would be required in Toronto.

There was no indication of the infrastructure which would be required at the Wildwater Preserve or in the Minden area to support the hosting of the games.

Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon said she was pleased with the fact that the Preserve is part of the 2008 Olympic bid.

March 23 is the date**OPP set to move to new office**

The Ontario Provincial Police detachment office is moving back to Minden.

The renovations to a portion of the Ministry of Natural Resources Office on Highway 35 will soon be completed and the Minden detachment is expected to move in on March 23. It is essentially a move "across the street" as officers based at the leased Minden detachment relocate to the new facilities.

Once that move is complete, administration per-

sonnel will be moving from the Coboconk detachment to the new offices. That move is expected to be completed by April 6.

The Coboconk office will continue to serve as an office for officers patrolling in that sector of the detachment. The existing Minden office, which has been leased to the police, will be abandoned.

No plans have been announced yet for ceremonies to mark the opening.

A decade of Februarys

The following chart, prepared by Minden weather observer Phil Graham, details the temperature ranges and precipitation experienced in the past ten years during the month of February. Temperatures are given in Celsius and Fahrenheit degrees while precipitation readings are in millimetres and inches.

Year	Average High		Average Low		Average		Total Precipitation	
1988	-3.8	25.1	-18.8	1.8 B	-11.3	11.6	103.2	4.0
1989	-2.5	27.5	-16.5	2.3	-9.5	14.9	62.0	2.4
1990	-1.6	29.1	-13.1	8.4	-7.3	18.8	56.8	2.2
1991	1.0	33.0	-12.0	10.4	-5.5	22.1	24.0	.9
1992	.3	32.0	-14.6	-5.7	-7.1	19.2	75.5	2.9
1993	-3.2	26.2	-19.8	3.6 B	-11.5	11.3	21.0	.8
1994	-4.8	23.3	-18.8	1.8 B	-11.8	10.7	30.0	1.1
1995	-4.1	24.6	-17.8	0	-10.9	12.3	32.0	1.2
1996	-3.2	26.2	-18.6	1.8 B	-10.9	12.3	66.7	2.6
1997	-2.0	28.4	-12.7	9.1	-7.3	18.8	125.8	4.9
1998	2.7	36.8	-8.5	16.7	-2.9	26.7	27.4	1.07

February weather

by Phil Graham

	C	F
Average high	2.7	36.8
Average low	-8.5	16.7
Average for month	-2.9	26.7
Average for last Feb.	-7.3	18.8
Highest temperature	10	50.0
Lowest temperature	-23.5	10.3
Rainfall	15.4 mm	.6 in
Snowfall	12 cm	4.7 in
Total precipitation	27.4 mm	1 in
Total precipitation for last February	125.8 mm	4.9 in
Days with snow or rain	8	
Days mostly sunny	16	
Snow on ground	25 cm	9.8 in
Snow on ground last Feb.	46 cm	18.1 in
Days with freezing rain	1	
Total snowfall Nov. 1 - Feb.	28188 cm	74 in

February had come and gone and probably gone into the record books as one of the warmest and also the driest month in years, with very little rain or snow. An eleven year sample from this station certainly tells the situation in this area.

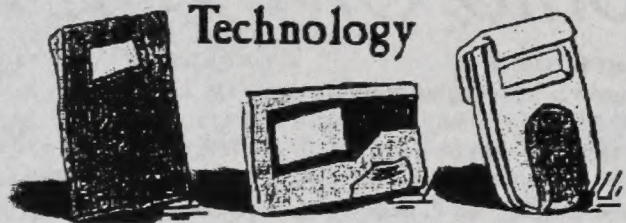
Trivia: Is it imagination or an optical illusion that there is more water on the streets in town than in the "mighty" Gull River.

Editor's note: For those who have access to an online service, a five day weather forecast for Minden and area is now available at *The Times OnLine* website (<http://www.mindentimes.on.ca>). Simply go to *The Times OnLine* home page and click on 'Weather Forecast' for the latest five day weather predictions from Environment Canada. The forecast is updated regularly throughout the day.

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Rev. Parker leaving at end of March

As the St. Paul's Anglican Church on North Water Street receives a facelift, it will also be getting a new face behind the pulpit at the end of the month. Reverend Brian Parker has decided to move on after nine years in Minden.

The church is currently undergoing renovations to the main chapel. A report last year raised some questions about the structural integrity of the church necessitating the work. York Steeplejacks, a Lindsay company is refinishing the stained glass windows as well as building a choir loft above the entrance. The project should be complete by the end of May of this year. Currently the church services have been taking place in the lower activity room of St. Paul's.

Reverend Parker will not be around to see the project completed. He will be moving to east Toronto to take over at St. Saviour's Church. "I received a call from the Bishop in Toronto to consider the position," said Parker. "We thought that if it was meant to be, it was meant to be."

Parker's position in Minden will not be filled immediately. A selection committee will be created, including members of each of the churches in the parish - St. Paul's, St. Peter's in Maple Lake, St. James' in Kinmount and St. John's in Irondale. In the meantime, an interim priest may be called in to take the services along with lay pastoral assistant Barb Trocewicz.

As for the renovations, Parker hopes to return to Minden to see what the future of St. Paul's Anglican Church holds. "I would hope that when the selection committee makes its selection, we are invited back to see the church complete," said Parker. "I look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for both here and there."



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Diane Springstein, the new managing director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, received a cheque on Thursday for \$1,000 from John Elstone, on behalf of the 42 members of the Historic Automobiles Society of Canada, Haliburton region.



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MARCH BREAK:

there's lots to do...especially for kids

by Ariel White

The countdown to March Break has begun across Haliburton and Victoria Counties. Although many youngsters may dream of a week of junk food and Nintendo, parents are probably looking for ways to get the kids out of the house and into some fun and interesting activities. Fortunately, many local organizations and businesses are planning to pack a ton of fun into the March break...activities to keep both kids and their parents happy. Here is a sampling of what is available throughout the area:

Leslie M. Frost Centre Naturescape '98

For the first time, the Frost Centre is presenting a variety of activities for kids and parents alike. The programs have a common theme of natural resources stewardship and living and learning in the environment. The Naturescape '98 program is a two day (March 19, 20) adventure into the natural environment. The program will allow children aged nine and up, as well as their parents, to learn about animal tracks, bird watching, snowshoeing, rock and mineral identification and lapidary. They will also learn about wilderness survival and how to build a quinzee and start a fire. The Frost Centre is also offering a bus service across the county to ensure that anyone interested can attend. The Ecobus will make stops at Dorset Public school, Halls Lake Market, Haliburton MNR fire centre, Carnarvon Lanes, and the Minden MNR office. Naturescape '98 is \$25 per day and participants are asked to pack a lunch. Call the Frost Centre at 766-2461 for more details.

Nature Art Break

On March 16, 17 and 18 the Frost

Centre will be presenting, a Nature Art Break with Artist Susan Lowery. The program is available for half and full days for children over the age of six and their parents. The cost is \$8 for a half day and \$15 for the full day. Participants are asked to bring their lunch. The program covers various media including painting, mobiles, sculpture and many other forms of artistic expression. Participants will be working on mobiles, 3D loons, feather flyers and body art. For more information call Susan Lowery at 286-6697.

Family Nature Computer Camp

This fun, active camp for kids and parents, also at the Frost Centre, combines technology with the natural environment. Participants will be able to take part in various activities such as retrieving information from cd-rom's and surfing the web to learn about the environment and then taking the information outdoors for a first hand look at what nature has to offer. For more information on the residential camp which runs from March 17 to 19, please call Jan Cooper at (519) 823-4513.

Pritchard House

Minden's Pritchard House (on Milne Street) will be offering a variety of arts

and crafts programs for children throughout the spring break. On March 17 and 18 Cheryl Lafferty will be demonstrating how to do folk art for 8 to 16 year-olds. The cost is \$10 and those in-



terested can attend one or both days. Call Cheryl at 488-3423 for information.

Also on March 17 Jean Bolt (286-6531) will be teaching weaving for kids from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be four projects to work on and take home to show mom and dad. At the end of the week Susan Lowery will be teaching sculpting and painting at Pritchard House on March 19 and 20. Sessions run from 9 to noon and 1 to 4 each day, with half and full days available. All of these

course must be pre-registered and will run only if enough participants are available.

Camp Wanakita

The YMCA Camp Wanakita will be holding a residential camp from March 16 to 20 with various camp activities. Participants will be staying in cabins and able to enjoy assorted exercises, weather permitting. There are still spaces available for the week at a cost of \$195. For more information on registration, please call Camp Wanakita at 457-2132.

Public Skating, Minden

The Minden arena will host public skating throughout the week: March 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. March 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. as well as March 19 and 22 from 3 to 5 p.m.. The Minden Minor Hockey Association will also be holding a skate-a-thon on March 17 to raise funds for their organization.

Public Skating, Dysart

The Dysart arena will also be a busy place. There will be public skating on March 17 and 18 from noon to 2 p.m. March 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Sunday, March 22 from 1:30 to 3. The cost for skating is one dollar. There are also two hockey tournaments during the break. The Novice B tournament will take place on March 16 and the Atom B's will play on March 19.

CHACE Mobile Family Outreach

The CHACE Mobile Family Outreach program will be travelling the county in search of kids throughout the spring break. The Outreach program (more on page 5)

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Heart catheter fund reaches half way mark

by Gerry Grozelle

On average, one person per month dies in the area encompassing Haliburton, North Hastings, Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria Counties while waiting for an angiogram.

Linda Willcox Whetung and David Smith brought this message to the Haliburton County council meeting on February 25.

March Break calendar

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will be in Eagle Lake on March 13 from 10:00 a.m. to noon; Gooderham on March 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Dorset on St. Patrick's Day, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; March 18, West Guilford, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; March 19 Wilberforce, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and March 20 Stanhope from 10:00 to noon. The outreach program includes a variety of activities for pre-schoolers and their care-givers and welcomes older siblings.

Wee Care Daycare

The Wee Care Daycare Centre will be holding the "Jumping into Spring" program at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. The program is open to children aged 6 to 12. There will be numerous activities including crafts, indoor and outdoor games, hiking and scavenger hunts. The cost is \$20 per day with lunch and three snacks included. Wee Care asks that interested parents should pre-register as space is limited. Call Sue at 457-3677 for more information.

Going downhill

If you are still looking for a winter sport activity, Sir Sam's Ski area reports there is lots of snow on the slopes for skiing and snowboarding. Downhill skiing in the warm spring sun can be a delightful experience. During March Break the ski hill will be hosting the Eagle Lake Rhubarb Charity Fun Race on Saturday March 14 and the Haliburton Hospital Fund Charity Race featuring a challenge between mascots The Moose and Sammy. Call the ski hill for details at 457-1563.

Whetung explained that the first 12 weeks after a heart attack are critical to the victim. Patients must travel, at their own expense, to hospitals in Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston or Sudbury to have access to facilities which have heart catheter equipment. For some, that can mean up to four hours of travelling time, one way.

"One patient from Minden waited four months," Whetung said, noting that the time lapse was well past the critical stage.

Whetung added that patients from the five counties area sometimes have their appointments "bumped two, three or even four times" so doctors can accommodate patients, from their own areas, who have medical emergencies.

"They don't know how sick the people from this area are," Whetung said.

Whetung explained that a heart catheter facility in this area would drastically reduce the cost of keeping patients in hospitals while they wait for access to another facility. In addition, by having a heart catheter facility within the five counties, it would alleviate some of the crowding at local hospitals. She said stays as long as 44 days in hospital, waiting for angiograms, have been documented.

Estimates for Civic Hospital (Peterborough) alone indicate that at least \$525,000 was spent last year "baby sitting" patients waiting for transfer to other centres for angiograms.

Whetung pointed out that the population of the five county region is 330,000 and seasonal population in-

creases that number by 100,000. Statistics show that the population over the age of 65 is nearly double the provincial average. Haliburton County is at the top of the list, with the highest percentage over age 65, followed by Victoria County in third and Peterborough at fifth.

The Community Health Services Foundation Heart Catheter Campaign has been created to raise funds for a heart catheter lab in this region, the most feasible location being Peterborough. The foundation's goal is to raise \$1.9-million, with the amount proportioned over eight geographical areas. Haliburton's share of the total is six per cent, or \$114,000 the second lowest of the eight. The city of Peterborough's portion is 29 per cent (\$551,000) and Peterborough County is next at 21 per cent (\$399,000). Victoria County is third at 15 per cent (\$285,000).

As of the end of January this year, 56 per cent of the goal has been reached. A total of \$1,064,700 has been raised or pledged. In Haliburton County the amount raised/pledged so far is \$39,600, leaving \$74,400 still to go. The fund-raising campaign got started on March 21, 1997.

Foundation representatives have approached most of the county level governments asking for support in the goal of bringing a heart catheter lab to the region. Support has been unanimous.

Whetung said that Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson has been a supporter since the beginning.

Whetung asked councils to write to Minister of

(more on page 8)

Victoria road workers sign five year contract

The CUPE road employees and Victoria County have reached an agreement in their labour dispute.

The five year agreement gives the employees an increase for truck drivers from the current rate \$14.13/hour to \$15.91 at the end of the contract on March 31, 2002.

"With this contract Victoria County Council and CUPE 855-10 recognize the need for an economic ad-

Correction

The Times apologises to MPP Chris Hodgson and Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty for misspelling the Liberal leader's name in last week's Report from Queen's Park.

justment in the first year of the contract," a press release from the county stated. The agreement was reached February 25. "It will adjust employees to comparable levels with other municipalities in

Victoria County. As a result all employees will receive an 87 cent adjustment on April 1 of this year."

The negotiations involved concessions on the part of both management and the workers as well as readjustment in work procedures to help finance the increase. "It is important to realize that the county estimates the actual cost of this contract to the county will be 5.8%, not factoring in the potential productivity improvements should we manage the contract properly," said Warden John Macklem.

The cost of the contract will be 1.18% annually over the five years of the contract.

The contract agreement came as the employees were approaching the end of the first year without a contract. "At the end of the day, it brings labour stability for the next four years," the Warden said.

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It is important to note that Junior Kindergarten will continue only if the funding is available.

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Editorial

The waiting comes to an end

This should be a nerve-wracking week for anyone who has been following the development of health care services in the Highlands and beyond. The reason for the edginess: the Health Services Restructuring Commission (HSRC) will be announcing its findings on Thursday.

This is the same commission which has been travelling the province over the past two years leaving in its wake a series of closed hospitals and drastically altered health care landscapes.

The commission is the arms-length body empowered by the provincial government to redefine how health care and related services will be delivered in Ontario. The decisions of the HSRC are virtually etched in stone. Although there is a 30 day period for comments following the release of the report, little has changed following previous announcements.

There are two items, in particular, area residents should be watching

for in this report: the direction the commissioners take in regard to hospital governance, (other jurisdictions have seen hospitals in an area similar to this district grouped under a single board); and, more crucially, what the HSRC will have to say about the capital works projects in Minden and Haliburton and the programs that go with those buildings.

The only real certainty going into the Thursday announcement has been expressed by many individuals: at least now the waiting and worrying will be over.

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AWAY

From the Dock

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

Frederick Douglass (1818 -- 1895)

by Ken Brown

"You're out of it, man. You are history!" In these few words used so often by young people, they seem to assign unassailable value to current personal experiences and in the same breath relegate anyone with experiences from a different time to the dustbin. What could be worse, they suggest, than to be a bit of history? Perhaps that expression is the shorthand of youth and merely a variation of another phrase so popular during the 1960s: "Don't trust anyone over thirty."

I know these sayings have different meanings, depending on the setting. If someone says, for example, "You're history" while pointing a gun at your head in the midst of a robbery, I would take them very seriously. On the other hand, the comment "You're out of it, man" made at the time of one's retirement is just an expression of best wishes.

In any case, I am hopeful that this determination of our youth to see, feel, and experience a wide variety of opportunities for themselves reflects a healthy scepticism for what we perceive as the perfect truth of life. To put it another way, our society has never in its history been more open to young people. The admonition to children to be "seen and not heard" is long gone. The youth of today are under less restraint than any previous generation. They are given greater latitude for their experiments in life

and thus much more opportunity for the fulfillment of their own dreams. The question that remains to be answered is just how it will work out for them.

Recently we were lunching with friends at a historic inn set among the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. They were bubbling with enthusiasm about a scheduled trip to Colorado to attend a graduation ceremony for their son. He had dropped out of university several years ago to pursue the casual life on the ski slopes at Aspen and Steamboat Springs. A few broken bones, two marriages, and his own handsome son later, he went back to school to get a degree and has now put together what seems to be a nice life in Colorado. His parents are elated, but his long-suffering father, Alfred, observed during lunch, "We just have to be more patient, I guess."

Julian Simon, in both of his books on *The State of Humanity*, argues that the lives of most people in the world are improving and that this will continue through each new generation. The professor has amassed a wealth of statistics to buttress his contention: we live longer and enjoy better health with greater material well-being than our ancestors. The life expectancy, for example, of the average person in England during the 1750s was less than forty years. Present-day "Americans officially classified as living in poverty can purchase a much better diet than could European royalty a couple of centuries ago."

I have great difficulty taking much comfort from the author's assurance that, on average, our children and grandchildren will enjoy a prosperous, healthy life. On average, we will all be dead!

Nonetheless, it is interesting and valuable to have a good fix on our current status as compared to people who lived a couple of hundred years ago. But the notion that our youth can therefore put their future on cruise-control could be self-defeating and dangerous.

The quantum leap in science and technology in the last twenty years will demand dramatic new levels of education and training for the workforce of today and tomorrow. Not everyone need be a rocket scientist or a geneticist with an advanced degree. But even the more traditional jobs have new standards.

The town in Virginia where we spend our winters has a population of just forty-five thousand, with a small police force and a comparatively low crime rate. The town council is advertising for a new chief of police and lists these qualifications: extensive law-enforcement experience, appropriate university degree, *plus* a Master's degree in criminology or in law. No others need apply.

There will be no Chief Bubba with a pot-belly and a billy-club to rule the roost in this southern town. In this instance, it is quite safe to say, "You are history!"

Ken Brown's column appears once a month throughout the winter. It will return to its regular weekly schedule in mid-May.

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All of us here at HAVE (Help A Village Effort) wish to extend our sincerest condolences to the daughters, other family members and the many friends of Norman Wallace—a remarkable fine, compassionate man.

"Norm" is only separated from us physically. His loving spirit remains. He will always be an ongoing part of our lives. Little did he realize that his gentle ways, and dedicated concerns for those in special need enriched and empowered persons here in Canada and overseas in India. Norm, we sincerely thank you.

In several ways, Norman Wallace was truly an inspiration to all who knew him. Undoubtedly, his participation in the Walk for Water, provided a role model for the rest of us. Over the years, the thousands of dollars raised for HAVE enabled hundreds of families in India to obtain ample supplies of pure drinking water for the first time.

I know personally how tremendously appreciative these villagers were when they learned how Norm and other walkers were assisting them. In fact, on more than one occasion, I showed them his photo taking part in the walk. As a result,

for the past few years the villagers have participated in a walk in support of a rural community health centre.

Through Norm Wallace's special interest and involvement, particularly in HAVE, but also the Scouting movement and the church, we have been blessed by his presence.

Sharing a precious life makes life itself beautiful and eternal.

Gerry Feltham,
Acting HAVE Chairman.



Norm Wallace, right, is presented with his Citizen of the Year Award in 1986 by Stanhope Reeve, the late Harry Davis.

Thanks for the Minden Hospital

Editor:

I really don't know what we people would do with ourselves if we didn't have the Minden Hospital. They are on the ball and all the staff have such compassion. They are number one in my books and I am so thankful for their care.

Catherine Harrison,
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A SAD state of affairs

Now is the winter of our discontent...
William Shakespeare

Shakespeare was, as usual, both bang on the money and ahead of his time. Here's a medieval playwright scribbling to a deadline by the light of a candle and he manages to encapsulate in one pithy phrase a malady that wasn't even diagnosed until 500 years after his death.

We've just come through most of another Canadian winter and I know in my frozen bones that Shakespeare was really writing about SAD.

Its full name is Seasonal Affective Disorder and for my money, you can forget tingling ears and frozen toes, dead car batteries and driveways full of snow — SAD is the real downside of the Canadian winter.

How do you know if you're SAD afflicted? It doesn't take a CAT scan. It's not hard to tell. With SAD, you'll tend to oversleep, by as much as four hours a day. You'll feel listless and bone lazy. Nothing will seem to be worth the effort. You will probably find it nearly impossible to concentrate. And you'll find yourself craving massive amounts of starchy foods.

What's more, you'll go through this depressing ritual year after dreary year, starting in late fall and getting worse as winter wears on. By spring, the symptoms lighten up and eventually disappear — usually in time for barbecue season.

Experts don't know a whole lot about SAD but they're reasonably certain that it is triggered by sunshine — or rather the lack

of it. They are also pretty well agreed that it's residents of the northern latitudes that are most affected. People in Hawaii don't suffer from SAD. People in Tuktoyaktuk do. And most Canadians experience weather patterns closer to those of the Arctic than to those of the Hawaiian Islands.

Unfortunately,

The doctors say only about two to three percent of Canadians seriously suffer from SAD, but they admit that another ten percent of us 'experience significant seasonal difficulties'. Personally, I'd put the numbers much higher than that. As a matter of fact, I don't know anybody in this country who doesn't find the short, dingy days of our winters to be a drag.

Where do you go in Canada to escape the SADness? Forget Vancouver and Victoria. Sure, their winters are milder, but they're a lot grayer too. From November through February, Vancouverites get only 258 hours of bright sunshine, if they're lucky. Torontonians, on the other hand, can expect to receive 363 hours.

Of course, they also have to put up with hosting the Leafs and the Blue Jays.

If you really want to get the maximum amount of winter solar rays without using a passport, pack up your ear muffs and move to Regina, Saskatoon, Winnipeg or pretty well any place on the prairies. Calgarians get to bask in 452 hours of bright winter sunshine — nearly twice the Vancouver allotment.

What can you do to combat SAD —

aside from hiring a Hertz Rent-A-Rowboat and sculling to Hawaii? The doctors are pretty fuzzy on this aspect too. They think the chemical serotonin plays an important part, although they're not sure precisely how. Tests indicate that patients suffering severe cases of SAD invariably show abnormally low levels of serotonin in their systems.

Another thing that seems to help some patients is a 'light box'. It's basically an electrical unit that emits ultraviolet-filtered, full-spectrum light into the eyes of patients. Doctors are guessing that this artificial light source, when directed at the patient, imitates the natural light that is missing from our winter days.

As for other possible defenses against this most Canadian of maladies, it turns out that, when all is said and done, your doctor's guess is about as good as your Aunt Sadie's chicken soup. Get eight hours of sleep a night, they say. Be sure to exercise lots, they say. Cut back on all those starchy, sweet treats, they say. Take up a hobby. Adopt a pet. Enroll in night school.

Oh yeah — and think positively.

That may, in fact, turn out to be the best medical advice a SAD sufferer can receive. The truth is, what really knocks the stuffing out of Seasonal Affective Disorder is a simple, fail-safe phenomenon we call the end of winter. Which, my calendar tells me, isn't too far off at all.

Shakespeare didn't say this, but he should have:

Spring is just around the corner.

Etcetera

Arthur Black

Cath fund gets county support

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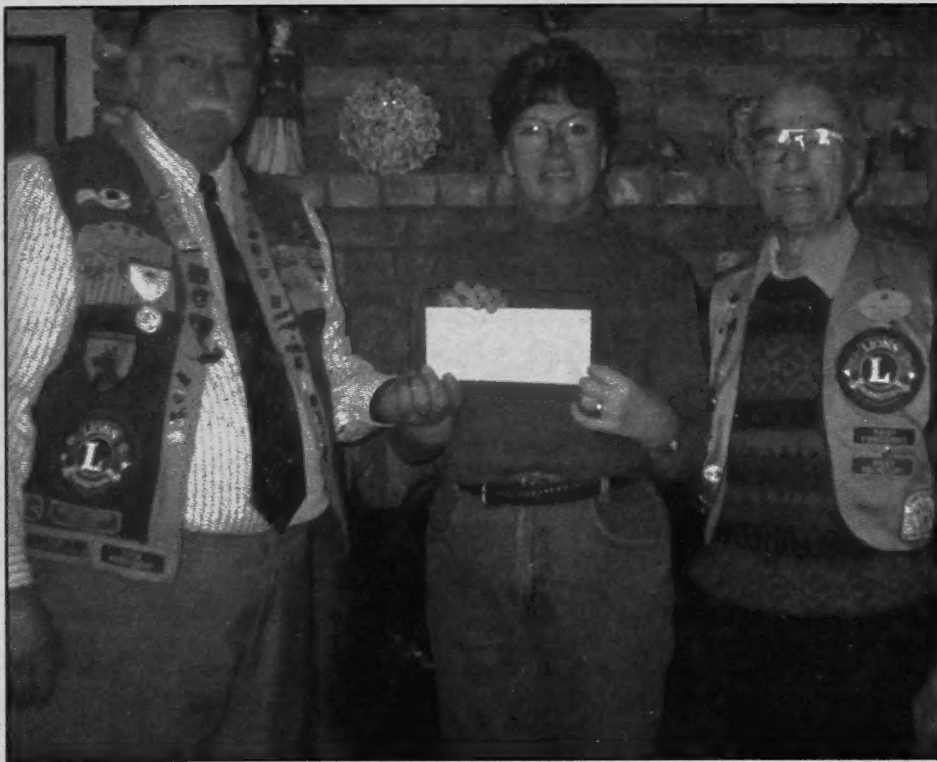
Health Elizabeth Whitmer informing her of their concerns that the people of the region are not receiving fair and equal access to, and funding for, necessary medical services.

"We can't stand by and watch this situation any more," Whetung said.

Haliburton County officials will add their voice to the growing list of supporters.

To make sure Haliburton County is adequately represented, Whetung would like to have three local volunteers to serve on the committee. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should call 1-888-321-4111 for more information.

She also encourages area residents to contact their MPP and the Minister of Health requesting support for a heart catheter lab in the region, which would afford better access to vital medical care for residents of Haliburton County.



Getting into the act

The Kinmount and District Lions Club has made a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society. The money will be used to assist in the construction of a performing arts theatre at the high school. Co-ordinator Caryl Moulton accepts the club's donation from Lions Doug King, left and Bryan Moulton.

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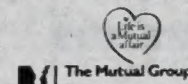
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Atom A Monarchs advance to All-Ontario semifinals

by Jerry Grozelle

Suspense was the name of the game when the Minden Atom A Monarchs played host to the MacTier Kings for game four of the best-of-five All-Ontario quarterfinal playoff series. The Monarchs held a two games to one advantage in the series. They won the opening game in Minden February 28 by a convincing 14-3 margin. A change of goalies between the home team's pipes in MacTier the following day changed the outcome of the game. MacTier skated to a 6-4 win on home ice.

The Monarchs went back to MacTier March 4 and came home with a 2-1 series lead by virtue of a 5-3 win.

Decisive victory

The Minden fans had plenty to cheer about in the opening game of the series. The Monarchs built a 4-1 first-period lead and never looked back. By the end of the second period, the home team added four more unanswered goals for an 8-1 lead going into the third.

MacTier managed two replies in the third, but the Monarchs notched six in the final 15 minutes for the 14-3 victory. Kolt Smith and Evan Kernohan paced the Minden attack. Smith scored four goals and assisted on four more, while Kernohan scored a hat trick and helped set up two. Andrew Bull and Mark Fisher each notched a pair of goals. Bull also picked up two assists. Darrin Brown, Sean Keaney and Jeremy Upton each added a goal to the Minden tally. Brown had four assists to go with his goal, while Keaney had one helper. David Petch helped the Minden cause with two assists, while Daryl Arbour

and Matt Allore notched one apiece.

MacTier rebounds in game two

The game in MacTier on March 1 started with a flurry of goals. Before the game was two minutes old, three goals had been scored.

The Kings drew first blood 50 sec-

onds after the opening faceoff. Forty-four seconds later, Kernohan tied the game, with assists going to Bull and Allore. Keaney gave the Monarchs a 2-1 lead 18 seconds after that, with Smith assisting.

One second shy of the six minute mark, the Kings scored to knot the

game at 2-2.

MacTier regained the lead at the 1:01 mark of the middle period and the Kings held that one-goal margin until late in the period. With 1:47 showing on the clock, Kernohan netted his second

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HE SCORES: Minden Atom A sniper Evan Kernohan breaks in behind the MacTier defence and puts a shot past the Kings goalie during Friday's game in Minden. The Monarchs clinched the best-of-five series three games to one with a 7-5 win. They now take on Tweed in the All-Ontario semifinal. The first game of the series was in Minden yesterday and game two is scheduled for Friday, March 13 at 8 p.m. in Tweed.

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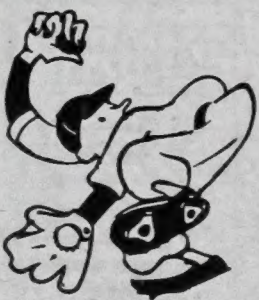
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Evan Kernohan scores 13 goals in four games

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goal of the game, from Brown, and the two teams went into the third tied at 3-3.

It took the determined MacTier squad just 44 seconds of the third period to jump back into the lead. But the Kings didn't have long to savour the one-goal advantage. Kernohan rounded out his hat trick at the 1:51 mark, from Bull and Brown.

With just under three minutes remaining in the third, MacTier sniper Peter Cowan scored his third consecutive goal to give the Kings the lead once again. Cowan added his fourth 59 seconds later to give MacTier some insurance with less than two minutes left.

The Monarchs were unable to claw their way back, giving up the 6-4 decision to the Kings.

Monarchs regain composure

Back at the Bala Arena on March 4, the MacTier team was first on the scoreboard for the second game in a row. It took less than a minute and a half for the Kings to strike.

Minden regained even ground at the 8:07 mark, when Kernohan netted the equalizer, from Bull and Upton. Fifty seconds later, Kernohan scored again, giving the Monarchs a 2-1 lead.

With the period winding down, Kolt Smith fed a pass to Mark Fisher, who beat the MacTier goalie, giving Minden a 3-1 advantage with 23 seconds left in the first period.

Midway through the second period, Kernohan rounded out his third hat trick in as many games. That unassisted goal padded the Minden lead to 4-1. Less than a minute later, Sean Keaney scored and the Monarchs had a commanding 5-1 advantage.

The Kings got one back just over a minute after that, cutting the Monarchs' lead to 5-2 going into the third.

MacTier closed the gap to 5-3 at the 2:20 mark of the third, but although the Kings managed to hold the Monarchs from adding to their lead, they were unable to put another one past Minden netminder Ryan Cole. The last 12 minutes and 40 seconds were scoreless, as the Monarchs recorded the 5-3 win.

Close contest to the end

The Kings were in the unenviable position of coming to Minden March 5 faced with elimination. They had to win to force a fifth, and deciding, game. It took them longer this time, but for the third consecutive game, the Kings were first on the scoreboard. The go-ahead goal came at the 12:26 mark of the 15-minute first period.

A minute and a quarter after the two teams swapped ends for the second period, Kolt Smith grabbed a loose puck in the MacTier end and whistled a shot past the goalie to tie the game. Less than three minutes later, Evan Kernohan capitalized on the man advantage, scoring a power play goal, from Darrin Brown, to give Minden a 2-1 lead. Kernohan's goal came just 12 seconds after the MacTier player went to the box for high

sticking. Two minutes after that, Smith picked up a loose puck behind the MacTier net. He banked the shot in off the goalie's stick and the Monarchs were in front by a 3-1 count.

The echo of the Minden fans' cheers had barely quieted down when the Kings scored to draw back to within striking distance at 3-2. Just about a minute later, Kernohan stepped out of the players' bench just in time to pick up the puck in the neutral zone and go in on the MacTier net on the breakaway. He made it look easy, faking left, pulling the puck to his right and backhanding it between the goalie's glove hand and the post.

A dozen or more hats were tossed on the ice about two and a half minutes later, when Kernohan scored his third goal of the game. It was his fourth hat trick in four games and the Monarchs enjoyed a 5-2 lead. Brown and Bull drew assists.

MacTier wasn't ready to throw in the towel. The Kings got one back with 13 seconds left in the middle frame and it was back to a two-goal game. Then, just 27 seconds into the third, the Kings notched another goal building the suspense in the Minden Arena.

Mark Fisher eased the tension for the Minden fans at the 4:42 mark when his shot found the mesh to rebuild the two-goal advantage. Smith assisted.

But, once again, the Kings struck back. In 47 seconds, they were back to within a goal of the Monarchs at 6-5.

Kernohan's fourth goal of the game (and 13th of the series), with 3:17 remaining in the third, proved to be the last marker of the contest as the Monarchs held on for the 7-5 victory.

On to the semifinals

The win advances the Monarchs to the All-Ontario semifinals against Tweed. Game one of the series was yesterday (March 8) in Minden. The schedule for the rest of the series wasn't decided at press time, but coach David Hollows said he expects the games to be played on weekends.

The Tweed team is the defending Ontario championship team from last season.



VICTORY CELEBRATION: Minden's OMHA Atom Monarchs celebrate their All-Ontario quarterfinal victory over the MacTier Kings. The Monarchs eliminated the Kings in four games. They will meet Tweed, the defending provincial champions from last season, in the semifinals.

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Atom B Monarchs come through with a 5-3 win over Sunderland

With four games already under their belts in the round robin playoffs, the Atom B Monarchs find themselves in a pretty good position -- they have won three of the four games. The Monarchs won one and lost one against Beaverton, then they won the first game against Sunderland. The second contest against Sunderland was February 28 in Minden.

Knowing that a loss could mean the end of the season, the Minden boys weren't about to allow Sunderland to go home with a win, if they had any say in the matter.

The home team was first on the scoreboard. Shaun Chapman put the puck in the net at the 2:21 mark of the first period. Matt Moore and Justin Davison assisted.

The score remained at 1-0 until late

in the second, when David Williams took a pass from Steve Draker and beat the Sunderland netminder for a 2-0 Minden lead. With 14 seconds left in the middle frame, Williams struck again. David Hodgson and Dave McGlade set that one up.

The Minden boys didn't let up in the third. Early in the period, George Davison scored, from Ted Ecclestone and Williams.

Sunderland got on the board 19 seconds later, but 14 seconds after that, Chapman notched his second of the game for a 5-1 Minden lead.

Sunderland made a game of it by scoring two in a row to cut Minden's lead to 5-3. But the Monarchs stemmed the opposition's come-back attempt and held on for the win.

High-Low Doubles team places third

by Maurice Boyd

wish Dan the best of luck.

The Minden County Bowl 5 Pin Bowlers' Association congratulates the High-Low Doubles team of Marlene Buller and Scott Moore for their fine showing in the championship round, held at Sherwood Centre in Hamilton on Saturday, February 28.

Marlene and Scott placed third in their division and 10th overall in a field of 76 teams. Scott also had the highest over average game, which puts him in a draw with 19 others for an all-expense paid trip to Florida.

Dan Rivard will bowl in the Provincial Finals of the CBC TV Series, to be held at the Jane Park Bowlerama in Toronto on Saturday, March 28. All bowlers from the County Bowling Centre

Thursday Night Mixed League (February 26)

High average: Walt Stegmaier 213; Joan Rivard 184

High single: Doug Reinwald 263; Debbie Cox 275

High single (handicap): Doug Reinwald 279; Debbie Cox 326

High triple: Doug Reinwald 712; Debbie Cox 687

High triple (handicap): Doug Reinwald 760; Debbie Cox 840

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Eric Stearns 184; Leitha Kuchalema 164

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Lester brothers racing toward championships

Brothers Luke and AJ Lester of Minden continue their impressive performances in snow cross racing. They captured two firsts, a second, third and fourth at the CSRA (Canadian Snow Cross Association) Snap-On Tools event in Parry Sound on the weekend of February 28 and March 1.

AJ Lester, riding his Steve Charity tuned Ski-Doo MZ-X, from Prentice-Berry, carved through traffic at the well attended event to qualify number one in Saturday's heat races.

AJ came out of the first turn in third position, set his sights on the lead and won his qualifier by threading through traffic, then pulling away to win by a large margin.

Two rows of competitors went to the line for Sunday's Novice Division final.

AJ launched hard into the first turn with sleds running four abreast, bumping and trading paint, while drivers scrambled to hit the double jumps and break loose from the pack. With his skill and the power and handling of his Ski-Doo, AJ kept the machine straight and under control after the first-turn melee. He then proceeded to run away from the crowd and score another first overall. AJ now solidly leads the CSRA Novice Division with 138 points, heading into the final two races of the season.

Luke Lester, riding his fleet of Polaris sleds from The Wedge of Hali-

burton, all of which are tuned by Tim George, had a sensational day Saturday. From the moment the green flag dropped in 440 Fan, Sport 500, Sport 600 and Sport Open, Luke had the power and the lines to rocket to the front and win every Sport Class qualifier. When it came time for Saturday's Sport 500 class final, Luke put his XCR 440 near the front through the first turn and then proceeded to slice through traffic to take an exciting win.

That made an incredible five races and five wins on Saturday!

Sunday's racing saw Luke end up fourth in the Sport 440 Fan final after running up front and then struggling with a mechanical problem.

Luke had to work hard in Sport 600 after a first turn tip over. He showed everyone he can run in traffic by coming from way back to score a third when the checkered flag fell. His XC-600 was clearly on the move again in Sport 600 after Luke was tied up in first-turn traffic. He had his XC absolutely flying and came within a bumper's length of winning, with the crowd cheering wildly right to the finish line.

He scored a very strong second in the Sport 600 class.

Luke's weekend tally was a first, a second, a third and a fourth. He leads the CSRA Sport Division with 269 points.

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Sweep Into Spring Bonspiel is the last of the season

by Sandy Cole

Some super times and great curling took place this past weekend during the annual Straw and Stone Mixed Curling Bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club. Hats off to the organizers and participants of this successful event.

Congratulations to the following people who won the Junior Curlers' Cash Draw. First prize of \$500 went to Nicholas Gray of Barrie. Second (\$300) was won by Stan Dutka of Minden and third (\$100) went to Ray Miscio of Minden.

Ladies, get your teams ready and entered in the last bonspiel of the season, the Sweep Into Spring, which will be held on March 27 and 28. Sign up at the club.

Don't forget to put your nominations in and vote in this year's election of Minden Curling Club officers. Every one of us can help our club grow and be stronger than ever.

The second schedule playoffs begin on March 19

Mark Saturday, April 25 on your calendars for the annual Banquet and Awards Night.

League play for the week of February 23 to 27:

Monday Night Ladies

Sharon Kernohan 8, Kim Wood 6
Melanie Vigrass 8, Pat Campbell 7
Carol Puffer 6, MJ Irwin 5

Tuesday Night Mens

Dan Garbutt 12, Dwight Thomas 5
Bob Pollard 8, Dave McAdam 1
Jim Garbutt defeated Ross Wray
Ted Wilkes 7, Mark Lund 6

Thursday Night Mixed

Ian Cavanagh 6, Ted Wilkes 4
Alf Trotter 20, George Hewitt 2
Bob Pollard 10, Cheryl Murdoch 3
Ross Davies 12, Nick Comeau 6

Friday Night Mixed

Cheryl Murdoch 10, Jim Garbutt 4
Zelda Cooper 6, Mark Lund 4
Stan Dutka 8, Brian Cross 5

Skateboarders' presentation impresses Minden Lions Club

Two members of the Skateboard Park Sub-Committee made a favourable impression at a recent Minden and District Lions Club. Jarrett Aggett and Josh Howard made a presentation, asking for Lions Club support in their bid to establish a skateboard park at the old lawn bowling facility at the Minden fairgrounds.

Lions Club members were so impressed that they committed more than \$4,300 to have one major piece of equipment constructed.

"We support their efforts 100 per cent," said Jim Mickle, Lions Club

Youth Committee Chairman. "We decided to purchase the halfpipe."

Mickle said the Skateboard Sub-Committee has done a "spectacular job" of putting together a comprehensive proposal. He noted that the skateboarders on the committee, including Kurt DeHaan, who was unable to be at the Lions Club meeting, have done their homework in preparing and presenting a package of information outlining the proposed skateboard park.

"They have arranged to have the work done by volunteers," Mickle said. "The plan is very well thought out."

The halfpipe represents about 25 per cent of the budget for the park's equipment.

The Lions Club presentation was the first of a series the three skateboarders will be doing over the next few weeks. Jarrett Aggett admits he and Josh Howard were nervous about making their first presentation, but they are very happy with the outcome. They will be approaching other service clubs in Minden and Haliburton as well as area businesses in an attempt to garner enough support to get started on construction as soon as weather permits.

Cathy Snell rolls 318 single

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High single: Bob Vankoughnet 218; Norma Douglas 195

High single (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 258; Carlie McDonald 255
High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 591; Norma Douglas 561

High triple (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 711; Norma Douglas 726

Monday Night Mixed League

High average: Scott Moore 230; Michelle Moore 198

High single: Walt Stegmaier 278; Teresa Clement 228

High single (handicap): Mark Hamilton 312; Teresa Clement 267

High triple: Walt Stegmaier 728; Michelle Moore 616

High triple (handicap): Walt Stegmaier 779; Michelle Moore 694

Tuesday Seniors Mixed League

High average: Bob Bullen 189; Eleanor Young 175

High single: Bob Bullen 210; Eleanor Young 205

High single (handicap): Dalton Flatt 273; Eleanor Young 245

High triple: Bob Bullen 555; Ruth Flatt 502

High triple (handicap): Bob Bullen 584; Theresa Fox 517

Tuesday Night Mixed League

High average: Fred Cox 215; Cathy Snell 218

High single: Alex Little 273; Cathy Snell 318

High single (handicap): Alex Little 287; Cathy Snell 324

High triple: Alex Little 700; Cathy Snell 780

High triple (handicap): Alex Little 742; Cathy Snell 798

Wednesday Night Men's League

High average: Scott Moore 234

High single: Walt Stegmaier 246

High single (handicap): Addie Dykstra 262

High triple: Eric Burk 662

High triple (handicap): Gord Darby 718

Thursday Afternoon Seniors League

High average: Jerry Warren 200; Carolyn Beer 175

High single: Ray Lymer 265; Shirley Irwin 232

High single (handicap): Ray Lymer 290;

Shirley Irwin 284

High triple: Jerry Warren 649; Carolyn Beer 541

High triple (handicap): Jerry Warren 709; Agnes Houghton 669

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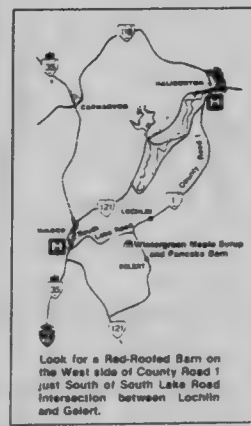
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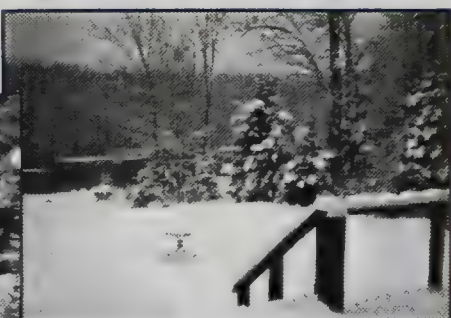
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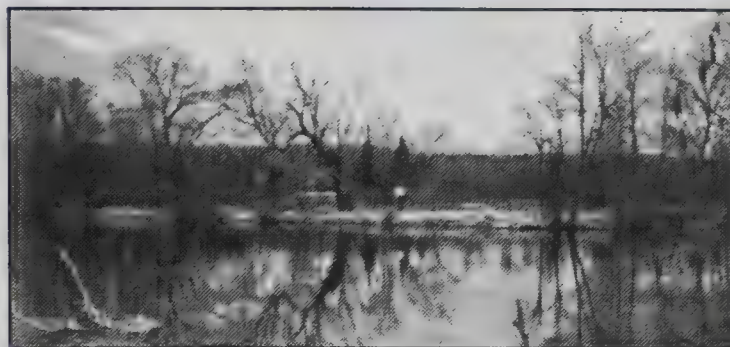
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Program urges more emphasis on the middle R

A major Canadian environmental organization is hoping to enlist the help of students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in the fight to create a refillable plastic bottle system in Ontario. The President and CEO of Earth Day Canada, Jed Goldberg, made a presentation to students at the school. He would like to see a reduction in the amount of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic produced for pop bottles.

Goldberg, who cottages in Dysart Township, told students that the Earth Day organization would like to reduce the recycling of plastic bottles and increase the number of times the bottles can be reused. "Most people think that when an environmental guy such as myself speaks, it will be about how wonderful recycling is. But in this case we are focusing on the reuse of products," he said.

Earth Day Canada is the national organizing body for Earth Day (April 22) celebrations across the country. The Youth for Reuse initiative is part of the so called "Middle R program", (from the slogan 'Reduce-Reuse-Recycle') which

has been introduced in 2500 Ontario schools. Its focus is on educating and involving students in reuse of items, like plastic bottles, that now are used once and sent for recycling. As Goldberg points out, students in the grade four to eight age range are huge consumers of soda pop and therefore pop bottles.

The presentation dealt with the idea of reusing and refilling plastic bottles, made of a thick PET plastic. This system is already in use in European nations such as Holland, where plastic pop bottles can be reused up to 25 times before they are recycled. Currently, pop bottles that are recycled are never turned into bottles again. All pop bottles in Canada are made from new plastic. This is a waste of non-renewable oil and gas resources according to Goldberg.

The goal of the Use for Reuse program is to inform students about the potential of reusing bottles. It is hoped this will lead to a program of action to protest the over-production of PET. Goldberg urged the students to study the subject and look into various ways they could talk to the municipality about their concerns.



More reusing, less recycling

Earth Day Canada President, Jed Goldberg, talks to student at J.D. Hodgson Elementary school about reusing PET plastic pop bottles instead of recycling them. In Canada, pop bottles are made from new plastic and old bottles are recycled into other products.

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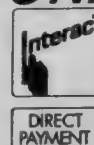


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Protocol Youth Centre: a special place for young people

It is amazing what boredom can inspire. Take for example Blair Williams and Andrew Wilbee. They were bored. Rather than let the situation take over their lives they decided to do something about it. From this spark of enthusiasm and drive, the Protocol youth centre was created.

The duo has been running the youth program at the Rotary Outreach Centre in the old IGA building on Main Street. Blair and Andrew have been volunteering almost all of their time to make sure that kids in Minden have something to do after school and on weekends.

"We were bored," said Williams. "There isn't a lot to do around here, so we decided to do something about it." The centre has been up and running since the

end of January and already they are getting a regular crowd of visitors. "Last weekend we probably had about 100 kids in. On Friday night we had 34 kids. It was crazy," said Andrew.

The centre is open from three until nine o'clock during the week and from noon to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. There are video games and a foosball table, as well as a pool table which the two purchased with the help of a loan from Family Services of Haliburton County.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation has moved its Community Access Program internet computer to the youth centre so kids can access the internet in their spare time. The CAP site is still available to residents of any age during the day.

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Andrew Wilbee (left) and Blair Williams are working hard to make sure that Protocol is up and running for local youths. The centre, located at the Rotary Outreach Centre on Minden's Main Street, has been open since January and has received support from local businesses and organizations.



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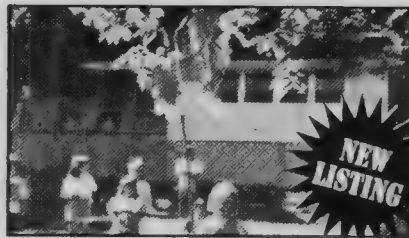
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Contest will reward homes without smoke

Health Unit encouraging smoke-free homes

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit wants to help Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough and Northumberland county residents clean up their houses. At least they would like to help clean up the air in those homes with their Clean Air for Kids Smoke-Free Homes contest launched last week.

The goal of the contest is to keep homes in the area smoke free for two months, with the hope that they remain that way after the contest ends.

Margaret Graham, of the HKPR Health Unit, invited Haliburton residents to take advantage of the contest, not only to win prizes, but to get second hand smoke out of their houses. "We are encouraging people to keep their homes smoke-free for a solid two months," said Graham. "The focus is clean air for the children. That is the bottom line."

Those families who succeed in keeping their homes smoke-free could receive a reward for their efforts. Their entry will be placed in a draw for a grand prize of \$2,500 gift certificate from The Brick in Peterborough. Local sponsors will be donating various prizes including books from Master's Book Store, a gift certificate from Pharmx Rexall drug store in

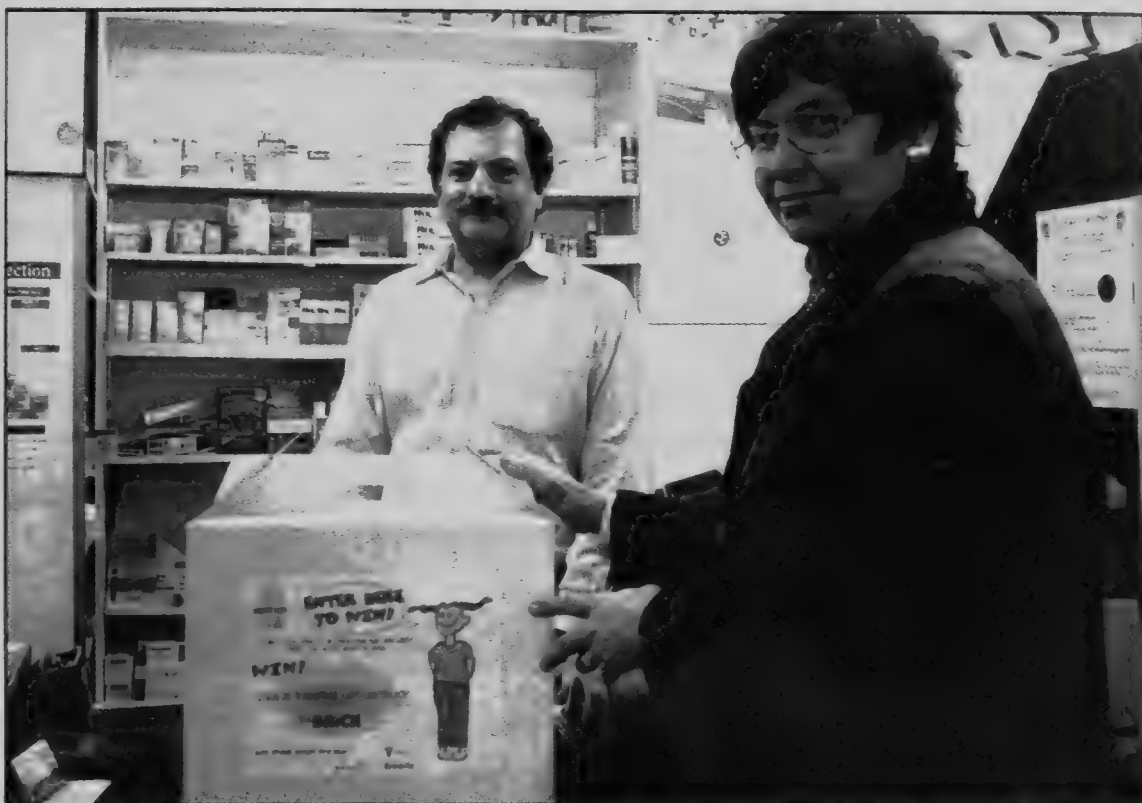
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According to the Health Unit spokesperson, not smoking in the presence of children can be a factor in preventing asthma, pneumonia, ear infections and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

The Clean Air for Kids Smoke-Free Homes contest is open to all households in Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough and Northumberland counties. Ballots can be picked up from any HKPR office, or participating sponsors, or from the internet at www.eagle.ca

The contest was launched at Highland Pharmacy in Minden. Pharmacist Girish Majithia says that it was important to join forces with the health unit on this project. Pharmacies should be promoting a smoke-free environments as they no longer sell tobacco products. "At one time we sold cigarettes, but eventually our college made the decision to stop. Things like this speak loud and clear to the retailers," said Majithia.

For information on the Clean Air for Kids Smoke-Free Homes contest please call the Haliburton office of the HKPR Health Unit at 457-1391.



Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Nurse, Margaret Graham, delivers a ballot box for the Clean Air for Kids Smoke-Free Homes contest at Highland Pharmacy, with the help of Pharmacist Girish Majithia. The contest will run from April 1 to May 31, during which time participants will keep their homes smoke-free.

Protocol youth centre

(from page 15)

Blair notes that having the CAP site at the centre is great because it allows a lot of kids to surf and learn about the world wide web. "Most of the time there will be five or six kids on the computer at once," said Williams.

Andy Campbell of the Haliburton County Development Corporation is pleased with the new CAP location. He said that the move was done to increase traffic for the public access internet station and it has already made a difference. "Right away we noticed a lot more kids using the site. We are going to have to get some of our older clientele into the new location. The site is open during the day when the kids are at school," said Campbell.

Andrew and Blair have big plans for the centre, drawing on the support of several community service clubs, community organizations and business owners. The Rotary Club of Minden, the Development Corporation, Family Services of Haliburton County have each pitched in. The Rental Store, adjacent to the youth centre, has donated a car to assist in fund raising.

The pair has also arranged to operate the batting cages behind the building for a share of

the profit. Any additional funds they receive will go to renovations and improvements including such items as a climbing wall, better lighting, some posters or decorations for the walls and a beach volleyball court in the summer. Currently the centre is also running a 50/50 draw until the end of March.

"We have a lot of plans for this place," said Andrew. "We want to create a better ambience. We just need the money to carry the plans out."

The Rotary Club of Minden is excited about the youth group. Rotary President Tara Lowe said that the club has been working on getting a youth group together in Minden and that Blair and Andrew have been working very hard to get this project up and running. "Originally we decided to rent the centre to a youth group. We did not want to give up on having a youth group in the community," said Lowe. She also said that parents can feel confident in the centre because it has such a strong community backing, although it is being completely run by young adults. Parents can feel good about sending their kids there. I am getting a very positive feedback. These guys are working hard and are very enthusiastic," she said.

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County Committees gather momentum

Enthusiasm grows for the planning process

by Tamara Wilbee

The County Strategic Planning process is still going strong with most of the orientation groups being well established and functioning. There has been enthusiastic response from the public to get involved on a volunteer basis. This illustrates a positive shift in thinking by the general public. We need to take the responsibility for determining a process for change to improve the future of Haliburton County.

The hub committee (Community Based Strategic Planning Committee) meets every two months as a means to communicate what has developed from the various orientation groups. This has proved to be very effective networking tool as it brings together a di-

verse group of representatives from many economic, social and geographic areas of the county.

The Economic Diversification Committee meets monthly to generate ideas to forward to appropriate agencies in the county. At each meeting a guest is invited to speak on specific topics addressed in the Strategic Plan. To date, Jerry Vanderbrink of ISO Technologies spoke on business attraction. Rob Heming of the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre addressed ecotourism opportunities for the county and Roy Truchan of the Arts Committee and Barb Bolin of Sir Sandford Fleming spoke on a county wide community project that will see three dimensional objects built by community members at key entrance points to the county which will identify Haliburton county as an arts community.

The next meeting scheduled for March 12 at the county office will focus on trails and tours.

The Development Corporation has sponsored a consultant, Tom Cookson, to facilitate two meetings of an Interim Marketing Group to clarify the goals and objectives of the public on marketing the county both internally and externally as recommended in the strategic plan. The group supported the idea of creating an umbrella marketing group for the county to develop a comprehensive marketing plan and to manage the marketing dollars dedicated by the county.

A small steering committee was established to initiate the process of recruiting a permanent Marketing Committee for the county. Ads have been placed in the papers and a volunteer job description and information form has been created which is available through the county and the development corporation for anyone interested in marketing. The deadline for applications is

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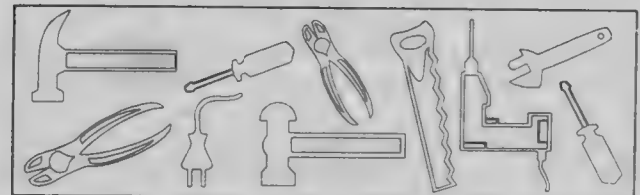
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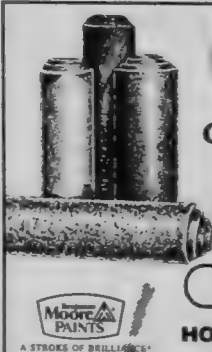
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Guiding report

Brownies and Rangers mark Thinking Day

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Brownies

The first Minden Brownies have been extremely busy playing and learning new skills.

We enrolled Brandy, Nikki, Kelci, Coral, Brooke, Laura, Sarah and Robin. They are most welcome additions to our unit.

The Brownies set tables and made tea and goodies for their parents. The girls did a superb job!

We spent a lot of time planning and preparing for our winter camp. Thank you to Sheila Shaw, Nancy Watson and Valerie Lennox who were on hand to assist the "Owl" leaders. The girls loved crazy carpeting and the dress-up party. At camp we ate dessert first, dressed backwards, keeping our rooms tidy, and got little sleep. All the things that are a part of camp.

The weather co-operated and we were able to spend a great deal of time outdoors.

The Brownies have had a great response to selling chocolates. If you missed out on the first cases of chocolates, don't worry there's more coming. We appreciate your support.

Our goal is to sell enough so that all of our Brownies will be able to go on the trip to the Science Centre on May 8 and 9. The trip plans are coming along nicely and we are going to have a great time. The Minden Legion was truly generous in

their monetary donation toward our trip. Thank you!

Sarah represented our unit proudly by carrying our flag at the annual church parade in honour of our founders' joint birthdays. The majority of us were at camp and were unable to attend.

Brooke, Amber, Samantha, Allison, Tawny Owl and Brown Owl participated in a division rally in Lindsay on February 14. There were approximately 600 registered members of the guiding movement in attendance. They learned new songs, dances, drama and crafts.

We celebrated Flag Day by wearing red and white to our meeting. We learned what our flag looks like, how to treat it with respect, when it was first unveiled and other information.

We made Valentine greetings for our 'Secret Friends' who are members of the senior branches. Some of our Brownies think they know who their secret friends are.

We are still collecting crushed pop cans, Campbells soup labels and pop tabs.

We have some Brownies without uniforms. Is there anyone out there who has a uniform no longer needed? If so, please contact Valerie at 286-3265 or leave it at the Anglican Church in Minden for us. Uniforms are not necessary but the girls would like to have them.

Rangers

Leadership and global awareness have been the primary goals for the Rangers during the month of February. Teaching the Brownies how to perform Artificial Respiration with their hand-crafted "victims", made the girls brush up on their emergency skills as well as their teaching skills. To improve their administrative skills, they attended the adult district Guider monthly meeting and observed the general procedure for running an organizational meeting.

We enjoyed an afternoon of tobogganing topped off with hot chocolate and a dip in the hot tub. The dare to go from the hot tub and roll in the snow was met by all!

The Rangers again proved their leadership skills at Woodland Divisions World Friendship rally, where they taught approximately 600 girls, in a round robin rotation how to make "Wozzles", a craft idea from new Zealand. Members of the Bahá'i Faith came and gave us a very informative lecture about the religious concepts of their faith. Learning more about our neighbours hopefully will lead to tolerance and peace.

On February 22, Guiding and Scouting joined together in a church service at St. Paul's Anglican Church to commemorate World Thinking Day, in honour of our founders Lord and Lady Baden Powell.

On Saturday, February 28, the girls had prepared a story hour at the Minden library involving puppets, song and crafts, but the weather was so gorgeous outside that no one came. Their efforts will be repeated however, so watch for the posters.

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1998/99 Membership in the Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident* of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Township of Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Your 1997/98 membership will expire at the close of this annual meeting.

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by March 28th.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least thirty days before the date of the Annual Meeting.

The fee may be paid and a membership card obtained at the Haliburton or Minden Hospitals during regular business hours, or by contacting the Haliburton Highlands Health Services at 12 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 569, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 or 705-286-4997 telephone and 705-286-4819 facsimile.

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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD #15

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS

In anticipation that the funding model will be adequate to support the program, District School Board #15 has decided to proceed with Junior & Senior Kindergarten registration during the month of March.

Please contact your area public school to determine the times for registration.

It is important to note that Junior Kindergarten will continue only if the funding is available.



Road repairs get boost with infrastructure funds

The three levels of government were represented in Haliburton last week for the announcement of funding for five infrastructure projects across the county. MPP Chris Hodgson, MP John O'Reilly, Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey, and the Reeves of Bicroft and Glamorgan were on hand to announce the projects.

The County of Haliburton also received word on the highway transfer payment from the province, which is in excess of \$470,000.

The Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works funding totals some \$316,030 for projects in Dysart et al, Bicroft and Glamorgan townships as well as the County of Haliburton. The announcement was made at the corner of Highland and Cedar streets in Haliburton, the site of one of the projects.

Victoria-Haliburton MP John O'Reilly stated that he was pleased the federal, provincial and



Three levels of government were represented for an announcement of over \$300,000 in infrastructure funding from the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program, as well as \$470,014 in highway transfer payments for the County. On hand to make the announcement at the site of one of the infrastructure projects were, from the left, Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey, Glamorgan Reeve Elva Bates, MPP Chris Hodgson, MP John O'Reilly, Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe and Haliburton County CAO, Les Shepard.

municipal governments could work together to improve local area roads. "It is encouraging to know that three levels of government can be successful, especially when they put together their re-

sources for the benefit of each community," said O'Reilly.

"The Ontario government recognizes the importance of keeping roads in good repair," said MPP Chris Hodgson. "Thanks to the infrastructure program, area residents will now enjoy improved driving conditions and safety."

The County of Haliburton will receive \$136,300 for the resurfacing of Buckhorn Road between County Road 503 and Highway 121, which was finished at the end of 1997. In Dysart et al, Wards three and four will receive \$76,773 to rebuild over three kilometres of Jennifer Drive in Harcourt and 1.3 kilometres of Redkenn Drive in Kennisis Lake area. Wards one and two will see work on Harmony Road as well as Cedar St. in Haliburton and one and a half km of Old Donald Road in West Dysart.

These repairs will amount to \$60,000 and both projects will be complete in the spring. "These

projects will make the area more attractive for new business and residential development," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Two other projects included in the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program are to take place in Glamorgan and Bicroft Townships. Glamorgan will receive \$20,195 for general road improvements. This project should be completed by May 31 of this year.

Bicroft township will receive \$22,762 in order to treat Spruce Avenue, Cedar and Hemlock roads, Birch Place and Balsam Place. In total, three and a half kilometres of road will be treated and will be completed by September of this year.

The province will also make \$470,014 in transfer payments to the county to offset additional costs due to the shift of responsibility of several highways in the county. The money is to cover the next two years of general maintenance and bridge repair.

Planning continues

(from page 18)

March 16.

The Youth Development Committee has developed a frame of reference and youth interest continues to escalate with each monthly meeting. Community and county report cards are currently being developed by a group of youth. Many of the strategic plan orientation groups, including the hub committee boast youth representation as a result of this process.

Protocol, the new youth centre in Minden is a result of a partnership between Minden Rotary and Family Services and has been up and running since January 31 with many kids taking an avid interest in working with the volunteers to initiate fundraising activities.

An effort has been made to develop interest in creating a Haliburton County Association of Retired People. Representatives of various organizations have attended two meetings in Haliburton. It was suggested that another attempt be made to try to generate some more interest in the community. If you are interested in this type of initiative, please call the county office for more information, even if you are not available year round.

The hub committee meets on March 13 at 9:00 a.m. and is open to the public. If you are interested in becoming involved with any of the orientation groups, please call the county office at 286-1333.

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It was the annual Winter Activity Day and students from grades four through eight were able to choose from such activities as skiing or snowboarding at Sir Sam's, skating and curling at the Fenelon Falls Curling Club and the Fenelon Falls Arena, or they could also go to Fairhaven to do a number of activities which included cross-country skiing, skating, snowshoeing and high ropes activities.

At Sir Sam's, about half of the students skied and half snowboarded. Most people had a lot of fun. The snowboarders enjoyed their lesson and became enthusiastic about the sport.

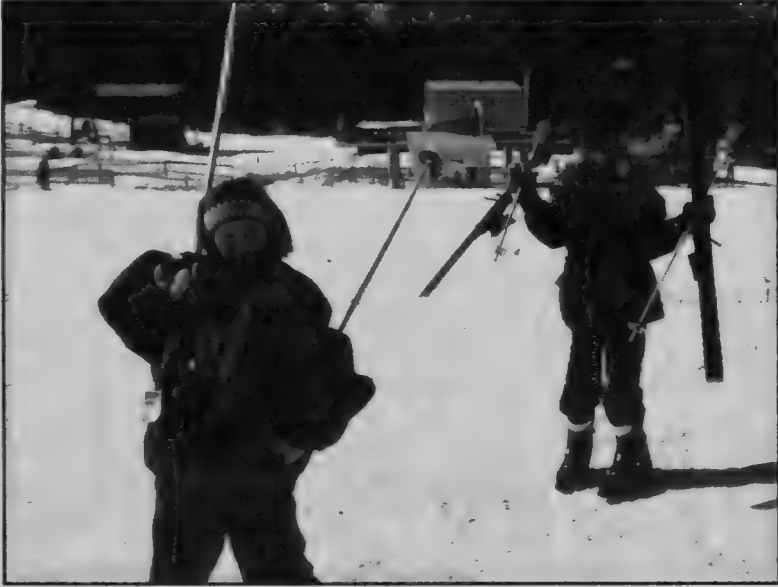
The curlers learned and gained a new respect for the sport. The Senior Kindergarten to grade three students went skating at the Minden and Fenelon Falls arenas that afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the day thoroughly!

The Fairhaven group was split. The first part of the day one group went cross-country skiing and the other group went snowshoeing. When we met back at the cabin, we had a snack and the groups switched activities. We enjoyed these sports until lunch. When we finished our lunch we had our choice to do any activity that we wanted. We were allowed to walk on a pole that was about 25 feet in the air. We were also allowed to walk on ropes and a cable up in the air at about the same height. We had to put a harness on first. The high wire and other things in the air were only for grade seven and eight students. It was a fun day and everyone had lots of fun.

(Report prepared by Sarah Stirk, Michelle Anderson, Brent Greer and Ben McGillivray of the Ridgewood Press Club.)



Luke Bartley on the high ropes at Fair Glen.



LEFT: Jen Perneroski and Lydia Fogwell head for the slopes at Sir Sam's. RIGHT: William Francis, left, waves to the fans as the hockey game continues at Fair Glen.



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Keeping busy despite the flu

Hello Everyone. Sorry we missed talking with you last week, but due to the preventative quarantine restriction placed on our home, our "ghost writer" was unable to meet with us. However, even though at time of writing this, our home is still under restriction. Thanks to phones and fax machines we have managed to bring this week's column to you.

Let us try to catch up a bit. On February 19, our weekly tea party was hosted by Minden UCW featuring delicious goodies and gracious ladies. Our thanks to them. The following day, during our Happy Hour, we were wonderfully entertained by Northern Jam. We were also pleased to have Gord Kidd join in. On Sunday February 22, Olive Weldon was here for "Song and Praise". Monday morning, some of us participated in our keep fit programmes and later, in the afternoon with Janet's assistance we enjoyed a discussion about Canada. That evening, in the lounge Sherri Rivard was here with her Junior Highland Dancers. We thoroughly enjoyed the young people and all agreed they were just great.

We were sad to hear of the recent deaths of the following residents. Jean (Jennie) Hagan, Annie Schultz, Ethel Shaw and Evelyn Clow. Our belated condolences to their families and friends.

As you can imagine, during this time of restriction, things have been very quiet here. But that is for the best. Not only have residents been affected by the flu bug, but also some staff. Let's hope things will improve shortly and we can get back to normal once

more. We certainly look forward to seeing everyone again. But we realize that preventative measures are very important for everyone concerned.

We must take this opportunity to thank both *The Times*, Minden and the *Haliburton County Echo* for their generosity. *The Times* is delivered here every Monday after breakfast and the *Echo* on Tuesday afternoon. These

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Before we sign off we wish to send belated birthday wishes to Gordon Kent who celebrated his birthday on March 5. And we are just in time to wish Happy Birthday to Fern Weldon for her upcoming birthday on March 11.

Guess that's it for now. We leave you with the following.

GOOD MORNING

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407 to be sold to private sector

Recently, our government announced that Highway 407 will be extended at no cost to our taxpayers.

Our government has announced that it is selling the highway to the private sector, and the successful purchaser must agree to build, maintain and finance the planned extensions to the highway. Highway 407 will be extended to the QEW in the west and, ultimately, to Highway 35/115 in the east.

This will ensure the public does not carry the costs of the expansion. Furthermore, we will ensure that Highway 407 is sold through a fair, open and competitive process.

The completions of Highway 407 will be good news for our area. People who live in the south end of the riding and travel westward will benefit - their commuting time to the Greater Toronto Area will be greatly reduced. People who live in the northern part of our riding will have access to a hassle-free way to travel right across the GTA.

This highway will also reduce the congestion we see on summer weekends when people are travelling to cottage country. The improved driving conditions should help bring more tourists and visitors to our area.

We are confident the completion of Highway 407 will help create jobs, enhance economic development, and provide the infrastructure to support new investment in Ontario.

The completed highway will form a seamless, congestion-free corridor connecting our area and much of central Ontario to the Niagara region and the U.S. markets. Our industries will find their competitive advantage is improved. The construction work as the highway is extended is expected to be about 3,000 jobs.

I should stress that safety will continue to be a priority on Highway 407. We will ensure that the highway meets provincial safety standards and continues to be policed by the OPP.

I am sure we can look forward to more exciting news about Highway 407 as this process moves along.

Queen's Park Report

by Chris Hodgson, MPP

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-Representatives appointed by Associations representing students with special needs.

The Special Education Advisory Committee has responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Education regarding any matter affecting the establishment and development of Special Education programs for exceptional children. The committee meets 10 times per year.

Applicants must be eligible to vote and meet the following criteria:

- Canadian Citizen
- Owner or Tenant of property in jurisdiction of the Board
- Over 18 years of Age
- Public School Tax Supporter
- Not employed by District School Board #15
- Not a spouse of an employee of D S B #15

Interested persons are asked to respond, in writing, by March 20, 1998 outlining their eligibility, experience, and interest in Special Education to:

Dr. Warren Rosborough
Superintendent of Schools/Special Education
District School Board #15
Box 420
Lindsay, Ontario
K9V 4S3

For further information, please call:

Janice Jones (705-324-6776); or
Sandy Bound (705-645-8704); or
Julie Hartin (705-457-1980)

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE

REDUCED LOAD REGULATIONS (1998)

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act, Reduced Loading will be in effect in Huntsville District at 12:01 a.m. Monday, March 9, 1998 or as posted.

The highways are:

Hwy. 518 from the West limits of Sprucedale to the Jct. of Hwy. 69; from the East limits of Kearney to the easterly limit of Hwy. 518; Hwy. 510 from Hwy. 520 northerly to Hwy. 124; Hwy. 520 from Hwy. 124 northwesterly to the Hamlet of Ardbeg; Hwy. 559 the entire length; Hwy. 592 the entire length; Hwy. 612 from the Muskoka/Parry Sound District boundary northerly to Hwy. 69; Hwy. 632 from the Muskoka/Parry Sound District boundary northerly to Hwy. 141 at Rosseau; Hwy. 7160 from the South Junction of Hwy. 11 to the North Jct. of Hwy. 11 in the Hamlet of Novar; Hwy. 7182 from Hwy. 559 northerly to Hwy. 69.

Local Roads Boards affected are:

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The above date depends on weather conditions and is subject to change. Reduced loads will be in effect when and where signs are erected. During Reduced Load season no Special Permits for overloading or house moving will be issued in the District.

 Ontario

Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4425)

I had decided to start off the column this week talking about spring being here. I still am, but as I sit down to type, the snow is falling out there!

This morning as Joan and I walked our route around town, the first signs of spring were showing. First of all we were walking outside which was such a pleasure. I am so grateful we can walk in the school in the winter, but it so wonderful to get out there in the fresh air. We miss the other walkers especially John Elstone, the caretaker at the school. John is such a supportive, happy person. I am sure there will some days which force us inside this month, but the back of the ice and cold is surely broken!

This morning we saw many vees of geese returning. They seemed so full of vitality and joy at being here. They didn't land in the water but continued flying over and around the town. The crows are back, looking for food in the snow banks. The sound of all these birds brought life to the landscape. Then as we were going to cross the bridge to get back to North Water street, we saw a skunk, the largest I have ever seen, walking around Ron Gambell's front yard! We had to wait quite a while until he finally disappeared and it felt safe to walk past.

So, based on that morning walk, seeing all the returning birds and animals coming out of hibernation, it feels like spring has sprung!

Continuing in the happy spring mood, it was learned that Maxine McGee won \$1 million recently in the recent Heart and Stroke Foundation Lottery Draw. Maxine is the wife of Wim McGee an OPP officer, formerly stationed here in Minden. They are now living in Hunstville. Congratulations! Wouldn't winning a cool million take the edge off things!

Kind thoughts go out to Bradley Trumbull from his many friends and relatives as he recovers from a broken leg in a Toronto hospital. Everyone hopes his recovery is a short one.

On March 2, St. Paul's Friendship Club had a marvelous turn-out. Friends

are bringing more friends for the great afternoon of cards and fellowship. That day Marg McAfee was high woman. Marg usually wins her points at the Legion so it good to hear of her winnings at this Club! High "man" was Jeanne Sears; lone hands, Jack Chilton; hidden score, Jeanne Keliele; low score, Betty Hardy and 50/50 draw, Pearl Cowen.

On March 3, at the Stanhope Bridge Club, the drama continued. It was noticed that Dorothy Strype was absent. Everyone was hoping that Dorothy's nose wasn't out of joint after not being in the running last week! Dorothy was 400 points behind the winner but this week Earl Hayne suffered through a worse fate! He was 800 points behind the second last winner, let alone the winner!! Betty Dicker just missed the podium, nosed out by Muriel McIntosh. Our very own Ross Fletcher was second and the big winner was Betty Roszell! Hi Betty!

Also on March, it was the day for Seniors Bid Euchre at the Minden Legion. Jack Chilton made the day for Ellie Langpohl by presenting her with a cake he had made for on the occasion of her birthday. Everyone enjoyed a slice of the wonderful homemade cake! High scores that day were Kay Smith, Jean Scadden and Pat. Hidden score was won by Mary Colman and the one moonshot was won by Pat Scadden. It sounds like a good time was had by all!

The Haliburton Legion 50+ Club is holding a pot luck dinner on March 19 at the Haliburton Legion at 4:30 pm. Meals for members and for guests cost \$1! New members and existing members are welcome!! Also it is not necessary to be a Legion member to attend. If you are interested in this event, please call 286-3247 by Monday March 16. A great place to taste all that wonderful home-cooking!!

I was talking with Shirley Wallace when she called in the results for Club 35. I was asking her about Edith Russell, who she and Ken used to bring to Bingo. Edith is now 96 years of age. She no

longer lives alone, sometimes has to use a walker and doesn't go to Bingo anymore. But Edith has a great spirit. It was wonderful to see her coming out each week with the Wallaces. Seeing them was a highlight of the evening for me.

The scores for the evening last Monday were as follows: 50/50 draw, Olive Jones; lone hands, Harry Randell; high woman, Gayle McConnell; high man, Alf Whyman; low woman, Olive Jones; low man, Bob McConnell; and baloney, Gayle McConnell. The McConnells and Olive Jones had a great night!

I could hardly recognize Audrey Vick's voice when she phoned in the results of the evening at the Gelert Community Centre. Audrey has a terrible cold/throat condition and has had it for two weeks. This condition has certainly caused havoc for a lot of people. I am grateful it hasn't touched me! Audrey was just able to get the scores out before having to stop talking so here they are. Isabel Saunders, 50/50 draw; Ruby Francis, high woman; Mary Hicks, low woman; Harold Harvie, high man; Tom Francis, men's low; Earl Schellenberg, lone hands. Best wishes to Audrey. We hope you feel better soon.

The results of the Minden Legion Euchre scores on February 26 are as follows: most lone hands, women, Sherin Brown; men, Roy McDonald; high

score, women Verna McDonald; men Murray Mac Kinnon; low score; woman, Christine Slayters; man, Keith Day. Other prizes, Sandy Kieckhoefer, Helen Skelding, Helen Lee and Al Cooper.

The results from the Branch 636 Ladies Auxiliary Big Buck Euchre of February 8 were: 1. David Leslie; 2. A tie with Pat Roussel and Sharon Evans; 3. A tie with Iris Taylor and Allin Cooper; 4. Georgina Parkes; and 5 another tie with Marjorie Coulter and Marcel Roussel. Pear Cowen had most lone hands and the free draw for dinner for two at the Legion was won by Truman McNeil. As it was close to Valentine's Day, free kisses (Hershey's) were given out at the door.

Ever since I have been working on this column it has been snowing. I'm not going to give in though. Spring is coming! Let's hope that the week keeps on the warming side!

Thank you to everyone who has expressed their condolences to me for the loss of my father. It feels very strange to be without both of my parents. I can't imagine what it must feel like to lose parents at an earlier age. It is hard enough now. I think that is why I am so anxious to feel spring this year.

Have a good, safe week! See you next Monday!

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Dated at Fenelon Falls this 14th day of February, 1998.
Personal Representative and Trustee of the Will
Judge Reid Scott (retired) Executor
57 Bond Street, West
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CARDS OF THANKS

To the Athletes who won medals, the athletes who didn't win medals and the spectators who cheered the athletes - our thanks for making this year's Lochlin Winter Olympics the best ever. Eat your heart out Nagano!
Dave & Marg Skinner.

I should like to thank most sincerely my family and friends and neighbours for all their kindness, prayers, cards, food, flowers, bringing in my paper, picking up my mail etc., during my unfortunate mishap.
Pearl Durant.

Neil Cartwright and Family would like to extend their gratitude to the ambulance attendants, nurses and doctor at Minden Hospital working the early hours of Saturday, February 21. We truly appreciate the quick action and care given to Dad at both Minden and Orillia's Soldier's Memorial Hospital. Thanks also for the calls from family and friends. Special thanks to Rick for keeping an eye out!

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of **Charles Dunbar** of Norland, Ontario, who passed away February 18, 1998 at Soldier's Memorial Hospital, Orillia, would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Fiddler and the nurses of Minden Hospital and the ambulance attendants for their expert care and concern. Thanks also to the V.O.N. and Medi-gas for their help prior to his hospitalization. We would also like to express our thanks to relatives and friends for their support during our time of sorrow.
Gladys Dunbar and Family.
*From our happy home and circle
God has taken one we love,
Borne away from sin and sorrow
To a better home above.*

AT REST

PROCTOR,
Muriel Evelyn
(nee Mack) (formerly of Toronto)

Passed away peacefully at her home in Lutterworth Pines, Minden on Monday, March 2nd, 1998 in her 77th year. Beloved wife of Michael Proctor of R.R. #3, Minden, dear mother of Robert Proctor of Peoria, Arizona, Diane and her husband Douglas Warnes of Lindsay, predeceased by Mervin Proctor. Loving grandmother of Lee Ann, Robert Jr., Jennifer, Meaghan, Michelle, Tara and great-grandmother of eight great-grandchildren. Dear sister of the late Douglas Mack. Sister-in-law to Margaret, Uda and Walter, fondly remembered by her many close friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Thursday, March 5th, 1998 at 1 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay. Memorial Donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund, Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

SCHULTZ,
Annie Jeanette
(nee Williamson)

Passed away at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden, Ontario on Tuesday, February 24th, 1998 in her 95th year. Annie was the beloved wife of the late Cecil Schultz, dear mother of Melville, Port Lambton, Jim and Ruth of Kinmount. Loving grandmother of Jayne, James, John, Andrew, Douglas, Amy and great-grandmother of ten great grandchildren. Friends visited the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Saturday, February 28th from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m. Spring Interment Kinmount Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Kinmount United Church would be appreciated by the family.

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